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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA-HQ-OECA-2014-0034; FRL – 9986-37-OEI]**

### **Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; NSPS for Kraft Pulp Mills (Renewal)**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), NSPS for Kraft Pulp Mills (EPA ICR No. 1055.12, OMB Control No. 2060-0021), to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through December 31, 2018. Public comments were previously requested, via the *Federal Register*, on June 29, 2017 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An agency may neither conduct nor sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OECA-2014-0034, to: (1) EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), or by email to [docket.oeca@epa.gov](mailto:docket.oeca@epa.gov), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; and (2) OMB via email to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without

change, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick Yellin, Monitoring, Assistance, and Media Programs Division, Office of Compliance, Mail Code 2227A, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-2970; fax number: (202) 564-0050; email address: yellin.patrick@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

*Abstract:* The New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Kraft Pulp Mills apply to the following facilities at kraft pulp mills: recovery furnaces, smelt dissolving tanks, lime kilns, digester systems, brown stock washer systems, black liquor oxidation systems, multiple effect evaporator systems and condensate stripper systems that were constructed, modified or reconstructed after the date of proposal. In pulp mills where kraft pulping is combined with neutral sulfite semi-chemical pulping, the provisions of this Subpart are applicable when any portion of the material charged to an affected facility is produced by the kraft pulping operation. Facilities may be exempt from the total reduced sulfur (TRS) standard if the facility can demonstrate that TRS emissions from a new, modified, or reconstructed brown stock washer can be neither technically nor economically feasible to control.

In general, all NSPS standards require initial notifications, performance tests, and periodic reports by the owners/operators of the affected facilities. They are also required to maintain records of the occurrence and duration of any startup, shutdown, or malfunction in the operation of an affected facility, or any period during which the monitoring system is inoperative. These notifications, reports, and records are essential in determining compliance with 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Kraft pulp mills.

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BB).

*Estimated number of respondents:* 97 (total).

*Frequency of response:* Initially, occasionally and semiannually.

*Total estimated burden:* 13,900 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$5,020,000 (per year), which includes \$3,510,000 in annualized capital/startup and/or operation & maintenance costs.

*Changes in the Estimates:* There is an adjustment decrease in the estimated burden and cost as currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved Burdens. The decrease is not due to any program changes. The change in burden is due to an industry decline since the last ICR renewal, resulting in a decrease in the number of respondent subject to the standard.

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